1/09/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

CARBON MONOXIDE SCARES

A NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert . . It's colorless, odorless, and has the potential to kill. Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be dangerous but it is very preventable. With people spending more time indoors, windows shut up tight, and heating their homes, this is the time of year this gas will claim lives. Julie Sidoni is working this story and joins us live with more.

1:05 - Package

:27 - Live

Capt. Pat Lape -Johnstown Fire Dept.

1/11/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Kent Justice

WORK AT HOME DEALS

It's a tempting offer, work out of your home only a few hours per week while making good money. You can find fliers promising "at-home" careers all over the place. Now, a yearlong study by the better business bureau says don't be too eager to earn money from home – and don't believe all those promises. Kent Justice reports in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

1:30 - Package

1/12/01, 5:30 / 6 PM, Friday Roseanne Colletti

HANDS FREE PHONES

Keep both hands on the wheel. That's in virtually every Driver's Ed. Manual ever printed. You may be looking for a way to do that and still dial out on your cell phone. Roseanne Colletti shows us some of the new products to help you talk hands-free. Here's tonight's Consumer Alert.

1:39 - Package

Marcel Diaz - Verizon Wireless

1/15/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Chris Cifatte

MONTGOMERY WARD CLOSINGS

The end of an era is the beginning of a big fight for a lot of Montgomery Ward customers. Service and warranties purchased on their products may be lost. Chris Cifatte has the story in tonight's Consumer Alert.

1:39 - Package

Brad Porter – Montgomery Ward customer

Warren Mowry - Attorney

1/16/01, 5/6 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

PHONE BILL SAVINGS

Now a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert. What's the best way to cut down on your phone bill every month? Becky Thompson reports that it's not as hard as you think. 2:20 – Package

Pam -Zarmack - Customer

Sharon Shaffer - Bell Atlantic

Margaret Anders - Customer

1/17/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Kelly Mack

SELLING YOUR HOME

Selling your home can be one of the more stressful events in your life. You want to see the home you love and made memories in go for what it's worth. As Kelly Mack reports in a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert, there are ways to make your house more appealing to customers.

2:09 – Package Jim Neal – Homeowner Matt Epstein – Realtor Irene Sureken – Homeowner

1/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Rick Shepard

IRA / UNDERSTANDING TAX CONSUMER ALERT

The I.R.S. has announced new regulations that effect investors with an I-R-A, a 401K or a 403B. The announcement effects millions of people saving for retirement. As Rick Shepard tells us, the new rules simplify a complex set of regulations about withdrawing money from your retirement account and could save you a bundle once you hit retirement age.

1:35 – Package Gary Schatsky – Financial Planner

1/17/01, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Julie Sidoni

OPEC PRODUCTION

It could be happening again at a gas pump near you. OPEC announced today that it is cutting its crude oil production by five percent as early as next month. Julie Sidoni is following this story and she joins us live to tell us what this mean for gas prices here in the States.

:55- Package :35 - Live Stuart Couch – Mobil Gas Station owner Philip Marcinek – Driver

1/17/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CLOTHES RECALL

Now a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert. A New Jersey company is recalling thousands of children's jeans and overalls. Manufacturers say the Baby Guess and Guess Gir llabel clothing pose a choking hazard to young children.

:43 – VO

1/19/01, 11 PM, Friday Christy Ferer

BRANDS / GENERIC

Supermarkets sell a mind-numbing 40-thousand generic and brand-name products. Many consumers think a smart shopper reaches for the no-name item at the lowest price. But can penny-wise shopping be pound-foolish? Christy Ferer reports in this Consumer Alert.

1:34 - Package

Ruth Katz - Consumer expert

1/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

PLAYSKOOL RECALL

A massive recall from Playskool of the toys your children might be playing with right now. Playskool's recalling 12 and one-half thousand of its busy school bus toys. :45 – VO

1/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

PHONE PLANS

Even if the cell phone you already have works just fine, it's hard not to be enticed by the higher-priced models that come loaded with extra features. Jon Meyer checks out what you need to know to make the right choice in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert. 1:40 – Package

LouRichman - Consumer Reports

1/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Bob McKeown

INSULATION

Adding insulation to your home can reduce your heating and cooling bills. But a Dateline hidden camera investigation reveals you may get less than what you pay for. Bob McKeown reports.

1:32 - Package

1/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

EXPIRED LEASES

Auto industry research expects more than three million leased vehicles will be released from contract this year. Often these vehicles create big losses for auto makers and banks, but could be a great bargain for people in the market for a new set of wheels. We have more in a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

1:32 - Package

John Clor – Auto customer

David Nappa - Auto Dealer

1/25/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

VIDEO GAMES

Children are still getting their hands on violent video games and many feel that retailers aren't doing enough to stop it. That's the finding in the latest consumer report that graded the video and computer game industry. Landra Booker is live in our Washington D.C. bureau with more.

1:42 - Package

Sen. Joe Lieberman - Connecticut

David Walsh - Media and Family

Daphne White - Lion and Lamb Project

1/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

SMART MICROWAVES

Microwave ovens are getting faster and smarter. Testers just took a look at what is cooking with several dozen. Do these improvements justify the price increases and are they really necessary? AreNewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson now with more in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer alert.

1:38 - Package

Tara Casaregola Tester

1/29/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

CREDIT CHECK

New credit cards, new jobs, new loans, they all use credit reports for background information. How can you make sure the information that's printed there is accurate? Becky Thompson has more in a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

1:35 - Package

Tobie Stanger – Consumer Reports

Debra Waite - Consumer Reports

1/29/01, 11 PM, Monday Alexa Lee

CREDIT SCORE

Do you know your credit score? It's a three digit number used by the three major credit reporting bureaus to determine the interest rates you pay on loans. Alexa Lee tells us why we need to have this valuable information in a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert. 1:40 – Package

1/30/01. 5 / 6 PM. Tuesday Jon Meyer

PRESCRIPTION COMPARISON

Critics of the new president's prescription plan say that it ignores the needs of the many people in the middle class who don't have a prescription plan to save money on their drugs. Jon Meyers joins us live with a Consumer Alert about shopping around to save money on your prescriptions.

1:16 - Package

:23 - Live

Bob Amity - Pharmacist

1/30/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

BATTERIES

In the battery business, Energizer and Duracell are the two leading battery makers duking it out, saying that each of their batteries lasts the longest. NewsCenter 6's consumer reporter Becky Thompson shows us if the new high-tech batteries are worth the extra money.

1:22 - Package

David Heim - Consumer Reports

1/30/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

ON-LINE COMPLAINTS

If you think you may be the vicyim of a telemarketing or internet scam, you have a new place to turn.

1:26 - Package

Hugh Stevenson - Bureau of Consumer Protection

Bob Kuykendall -U.S. Postal Inspector

1/31/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

REAR VIEW CAMERA

It's a horrible tragedy, but it happens more than 100 times each year. A driver backs up and accidentally hits and kills a child. But tonight there's new technology that could prevent the tragedy. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson reports. 1:28 – Package

Greg Perigo – Megan's Father

Greg Perigo – Megan's Father Martha McMahon – Donnelly Corporation

CONSUMER NEWS....JANUARY

Extra 1/17/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Extra examines the truth in the controversy on cell phone radiation, based on recently released government studies.

Show #: 011601

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

2/01/01, 11 PM, Thursday Christie Seibert

SPYWARE

Your kids can have fun and still learn from computer games. But do you realize some games may be learning a lot from your child. Some children's software contains a program called spyware which collects information without your knowledge. Christie Seibert tells us spyware could be on your computer right now.

3:18 - Package

Roy Thetford – Cyber security expert
Jason Ditzenberger – Cyber security expert
John Edwards – North Carolina

2/02/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

DIAPERS.COM

As any parent knows, diapers are a big expense. A three-month supply would cost 150 dollars and that's only for one child. So you can imagine how tempting it was to be able to get the same amount of diapers over the web for just 50 dollars. Here's Becky Thompson with a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

1:40 - Package

Linda James - Ordered diapers

Jeff Aloi - Diapers-For-Free

2/05/01, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Many children don't care to buy school lunches, so parents end up packing a sandwich and sending it to school. But how safe is it? NewsCenter 6 Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson shows us how to give kids a safe snack.

2:57 - Package

Glenda Christy – Allegheny Health Dept.

Debbie Bright - Parent

2/05/01. 11 PM. Monday Jenn Kallin

DOLE COLESLAW RECALL

Now we have an important notice about a recall of Dole-packaged coleslaw sold in 28 states including Pennsylvania. The coleslaw is being recalled because it may be tainted with a serious food poisoning germ, salmonella.

:30 - Live

2/06/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

NO SCALD DEVICES

A toddle recovers from burns over 75 per cent of his body after investigators say he was scalded in just seconds in a shower. An accident like this could be prevented. NewsCenter 6's Becky Thompson shows us some devices that can help protect your children in this Consumer Alert.

2:23 - Package

Dr. Harvey Slater - West Penn Burn Unit

2/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

GUN LOCKS

The gun industry is under fire again, this time to improve safety locks. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is urging industry leaders to come up with standards to assure safety locks work properly. This after government testing found many locks opened without a key.

:45 - SOT/VO

Chief Andy Havas - West Hills Police

2/07/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

WARNING / FLIERS SCAM

A warning tonight for businesses across the region. Fliers are being sent to businesses warning of state regulations regarding the posting of state notices with offers of the notices for sale. These notices are actually free for the asking.

:45 - SOT/VO

Barry Creaney - Office of the Attorney General

2/07/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

BUNK BEDS

Now, a NewsCenter 6 investigation that could prevent your child from being injured. 34-thousand children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for bunk bed related injuries last year. Tonight, Becky Thompson takes a look at bunk bed dangers and how a new standard could affect safety.

3:03 - Package

Lynn Starks – Daughter died in bunk bed Gayla Grandstorm – Son trapped in bunk bed Renee Laughlin – Daughter injured

2/09/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Jeff Levkulich

DIAGNOSTIC CD

Smoke pouring out from under the hood? A new company says it has a new remedy for what's ailing your car on a new computer program. But as Jeff Levkulich reports in the NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert, if you are hoping for an accurate diagnosis, you may want to "put on the brakes."

1:01 - Package

Dennis Hullihan - Driver

Chris Cozad – Auto Mechanic

2/12/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

NAPSTER DECISION

Napster is disappointed but the music recording industry is calling it a clear victory. A federal court ruled today that the popular website knew its customers were violating copyright laws by allowing them to download music. Julie Sidoni is working this story and she joins us live now with what this means for Napster customers.

1:10 - Package

:23 - Live

Joe Moore – Waves Music Manager Andrew Armstrong – Napster user Kevin Davis – Napster user

2/13/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

AIRLINE SERVICE

The airline industry gets a wake-up call from lawmakers in Washington. They have to start putting passengers first or face tough new laws. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:09 - Package

:29 - Live

Sen. Trent Lott - Majority Leader

Sen. Ron Wyden - Oregon

Sen. Conrad Burns - Montana

Scott Reed - National Air Passengers

2/13/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

SHRINKING PRODUCTS

Call them the incredible shrinking producs, only there's no magic involved here. It's a growing trend with manufacturers. Instead of upping the price, they give you less for the same amount of money. But, as Julie Sidoni shows us, a lot of shoppers are falling for it.

1:53 – Package Al Hertzog – Shopper Laurie Delic – Shopper Dan Delic – Shopper

2/14/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Miranda Cresko

STUDENTS AND CREDIT

A new study out finds that college students and credit card debt seem to go hand in hand. But as Miranda Gresko reports in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert, it doesn't have to be that way.

1:43 - Package

Cathy Bowen – Extension specialist

2/16/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SOMERTSET CONSUMER ALERT

Utility companies are reminding customers that they should be wary of unannounced service calls and workers who shy away from showing their I.D.'s. Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative services the area that was recently targetted by phony inspectors.

:35 - SOT/VO

Matt Bauer - Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative

2/16/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Carmen Grant

DOPE WARS

A controversial new video game hits the market. It's called "Dope Wars" and opponents say it sends the wrong message to kids. NewsCenter 6's Carmen Grant takes a look.

1:28 – Package James Walstrom – Drug Task Force Ernest Wachter – Altoona Resident Rudy Hogans – Grandmother

2/16/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

HARASSING CALLS

We all get them, phone calls from telemarketers. A few here and there is one thing, but in some cases it gets so bad, law enforcement calls it harassment by telephone. Julie Sidoni talked with a woman who experienced that harassment and she joins us now in a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

1:40 - Package

:21 - Live

Pat Dinsmore – Being harassed

Barry Creany - Attorney General

2/19/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Rick Shepard

ENERGY WASTERS

Chances are, you've seen a jump in your electric bill in recent months. But can you avoid paying too much for electricity? Saving money on your electric bill may be easier than you think. Rick Shepard has more.

1:34 - Package

Victor Brown – Home Energy Auditor

2/19/01, 6 PM, Monday Annabell Roberts

TOY LIBRARIES

The English may have the answer for parents who want to provide new toys for their kids, but don't want to spend their money as the price of toys becomes increasingly costlier. The concept is simple: do with a toy what people do with books and videos.

1:20 – Package

Shazia Khan – Library patron

Shazia Khan – Library patron Maggie Harper – Toy Librarian Margaret Hodge – Education & Emploment Minister Glenys Carter – Toy & Leisure Lib. Assoc.

2/20/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

ELECTRIC BLANKETS

Millions of Americans use electric blankets to keep warm – but what many of us don't realize is that sometimes these blankets catch fire. It's happened hundreds of times each year, thousands of times during the last five years and right here in our own area. And as NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson found out – the numbers of fires may actually be much higher than those numbers reported.

2:05 – Package Ryan Daughtery – Fire victim Linda Daughter – Victim's mother George McLaughlin – Attorney Dale Bradley – Fire victim Tammi Bradley – Fire victim

2/20/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Rick Shepard

CELL PHONE SHIELDS

We've all heard stories that cellphone radiation may be harmful. Now, some companies believe they have the solution to that problem: radiation shields for the phones. But do we really need to invest in these shields? Rick Shepard has more in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

1:43 – Package Dr. Roger Coghill – Safeshield.com

Gary Megerchian – Protection Plus buyer

2/21/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

UTILITIES

If you hit the heat when the temperatures drop – you may be seeing your utility bills climb higher and higher. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson shows you how to take some of the sting out of those big time bills.

4:48 - Package

Chuck Summers – Utility expert Edgar Fazenbaker – Utility expert

2/21/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

RECALLS

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is announcing three product recalls today that could save your child's life. Joining us now from Washington with the latest is NewsCenter 6's Brigette Langmade.

1:15 – Package :22 – Live Jane Francis – CPSC

2/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Christie Siebert

ECONOMICAL CARS

The cost of filling the gas tank is at one of the highest rates ever. Unfortunately, most of us rely heavily on our vehicles. Savy consumers are looking for alternate means of transportation to try to save a few bucks. Now car manufacturers have something new for consumers. It's an option that many people is long overdue. Christie Seibert has the story live.

1:47 – Package :20 - Live Stephen Kriss – Alvin's Honda

2/27/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

ELECTRIC FIRES

Approximately 40-thousand electrical fires happen every year in the United States. The National Fire Prevention Association is trying to cut the number of those fires using technology mandated for use only in new homes. But its life-saving potential may be greatest for older homes. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson shows us why.

2:35 – Package Dan Cipriani – Fire Investigator

2/27/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

BLUES CRUISE

If is sounds too good to be true, it probably is. That's what Becky Thompson found out when she went undercover to get the real story on fabulous vacation offers for next to nothing in cost.

3:38 - Package

David Mittleberg - Pittsburgh vacationer

Susan Mittleberg – Pittsburgh vacationer

2/28/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson **CELL PHONES AND PLANS**

For most of us, cell phones are standard equipment. But do you have the right cell phone calling plan? NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reported Becky Thompson takes a look at what's available and examines how you lose with the wrong plan.

1:32 - Package

2/28/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

BLUES CRUISE

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3:46 - Package

David Mittleberg – Pittsburgh vacationer Susan Mittleberg – Pittsburgh vacationer

Cassi Beebe - Florida State Investigator

CONSUMER NEWS . . . FEBRUARY

EXTRA 2/02/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In a segment, Extra examines how clean the trays are that food is

served on in fast food restaurants.

SHOW # 20201

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

EXTRA 2/06/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In a segment on outlet malls, Extra looks at the prices offered to consumers and examines whether these malls really offer the

bargains that they claim to.

SHOW # 20501

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

EXTRA 2/08/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In a segment, Extra looks at the European epidemic of Mad Cow disease and how it will affect the beef markets in this country.

SHOW # 20701

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

3/01/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

SMART TIRES

To increase safety on the roads, Congress has mandated that within three years all new cars will have to be outfitted with a warning system to alert the driver when a tire is significantly under inflated. One company has gone a step further. Not only will its new system monitor tire pressure, it will actually pump the tire. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson shows us this new product and why it is important.

2:15 – Package

Mery Carse - Cycloid CEO & President

3/02/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Rick Shepard

CELL PHONE IMMOBILIZER

Many of us are annoyed by the rings and loud conversations from cell phone users. Now a new device may be able to do something about it. Rick Shepard has more in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

2:25 - Package

Ted Nirahos - Businessman

Randi Emermen - Theatre operator

3/08/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

THERMOSTATS

Heating costs have been going through the roof this winter. But there are ways to save money that start with your thermostat. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson shows us.

1:04 - Package

Paul Kenney - Home Depot

3/13/01, 6 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

TRAVEL PLANS

Traveling by airplane certainly cuts the time spent getting to your destination but it can be expensive. One way to reduce those costs is by driving to an airport where your carrier is not the dominant air service provider. How much cost cutting does the drive provide and is it worth the effort? Christie Seibert has more.

1:33 - Package

Lynne Dudish - Travel Agent

Joe McKelvey – Johnstown Cambria County Airport

3/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Carmen Grant

HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE

Concerns over hoof and mouth disease continue to spread as European farmers brace for what has become a threat to the meat industry. Carmen Grant reports the disease could affect beef prices.

1:15 - Package

Steve Holland – Holland Meats

Rick Holland - Owner

3/15/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

CAR MYTHS

You hear it all the time: to keep your car running well – change your oil every 3-thousand miles. It turns out that could be a maintenance myth – and there are many more pieces of vehicle advice that fall into that category. Tonight NewsCenter 6's consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to show what they are.

1:29 – Package Rik Paul – Consumer Reports

3/19/01, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

CANDLE DAMAGE

You see them everywhere these days. Candles are hotter than ever. With so many of us burning candles, it doesn't take long before walls, drapes, and furniture begin to look gray. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson shows us how costly the soot from burning candles can be and how to clean it up.

2:06 - Package

Darcelle Magliotti - Homeowner

Dave Kardell - Contractor

3/20/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

AD SCAM

In a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert, we want to tell you about those advertisements that guarantee you'll get rich quick. What those ads don't tell you is what will cost you money, money you have to put up-front.

:36 - SOT/VO

Barry Creany – Attorney General's Office

3/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

You were always taught not to give out your Social Security number. But nowadays, it seems like we use it for everything, so when should you give it out. :48 - SOT/VO

Dave Ulerich - Manager Social Security office

3/28/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

POTTING SOIL

Spring is here, and two big names in gardening, Miracle Gro and Scotts, are selling potting soils with fertilizer already added. But is this the best soil on the market and is it worth the extra money? NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson went searching for answers.

1:33 - Package

3/29/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

ATM FEES

Getting cash out of the A-T-M is costing you more money than ever before. A consumer group accuses the banking industry of raising fees and taking advantage of customers. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has more on this Consumer Alert.

1:18 - Package

Marko Djukamovic – ATM User

Ed Mierzwinski - U.S. Public Int. Research

Catherine Pulley – American Bankers Assoc.

3/29/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

ENERGY SUPPLIER

Pennsylvania has had its Electric Choice program for a couple of years now. But it can still be a confusing process, especially when new companies enter the market. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson has more on how to make sure you get the company you really want.

1:21 - Package

Jim Wudarczyk - Customer

3/29/01, 11 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

PRESCRIPTION COSTS

The cost of prescriptions is skyrocketing, rising about three times as fast as overall health costs. But as Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson shows us, there is a way to save money on medications.

1:42 - Package

Ronni Sandroff – "Consumer Reports"

3/30/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

USED CARS

Do you buy a new car simply to have something new and reliable? A lot of people do, but "Consumer Reports" magazine says there are some used car buys out there that will "fill the bill" just as well. NewsCenter 6's Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson has the list of some of the most reliable used cars, along with what you need to look for when buying one.

1:18 - Package

David Champion – Consumer Reports

CONSUMER NEWS MARCH

Extra

3/14/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the issue of financial freedom with a look at how to make

the most of the downturn in the stock market.

Show #: 7164

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra

3/21/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra goes undercover to examine the battle of the sexes at the cash register. Is it more expensive to be a man or a woman. From deodorant to dry cleaning,

Extra examines why one price doesn't fit all.

Show #: 7170

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

1/04/01, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic, Carmen Grant, Brigette Langmade, Bill Brown, Miranda Gresko

SHUSTER RETIRES

Congressman Bud Shuster announced his retirement this morning. Shuster cited health concerns as one of the reasons for his decision to step down now, and he also explained that his chairmanship of the powerful House Transportation Committee is coming to an end.

:40 - SOT/VO

Bud Shuster - Rep. 9th District

Carmen Grant continues our team coverage with reaction from Blair County.

1:35 - Package

:20 - Live

Helen Murray - Shuster supporter

Bill Shuster - Son

Robert Jubelirer - Representative 30th District

Shuster's announcement took many in Washington by surprise. We continue our team coverage with Brigette Langmade who's standing by live in our Washington D.C. bureau.

2:00 - Package

:35 - Live

Rep. Jack Quinn - New York

Jim Oberstar - Minnesota

Gary Ruskin - Congressional Accountability Projecy

A colleague of Shuster's in the U.S. House for almost all of his 28-year tenure is 12th District Congressman John Murtha. Murtha Talked with Bill Brown earlier today about Shuster's surprise announcement.

2:08 - Package

Rep. John Murtha - 12th District

And with Shuster leaving office at the end of the month, he leaves behind some unfinished business at a Blair County Plant. Miranda Gresko is live in Altoona at Norfolk Southern where Shuster's actions recently saved hundreds of jobs.

:45 - Package

:15 - Live

Jack Cox - Norfolk Southern

ALSO RAN 1/04/01 5:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM

1/08/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

SHUSTER / 199 CONTINUING FIGHT

Will the retirement of Congressman Bud Shuster have an impact on the Interstate 99 project in Centre County? Environmental groups continue to fight PENNDOT plans to put some of the new interstate along the Bald Eagle Ridge. :43 – VO

1/09/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

MURTHA / BUSH TALKS

Johnstown Congressman John Murtha was among a bi-partisan group of senior members of Congress who met with President-elect Bush and his transition team last week to talk about defense. Rebuilding the military was a major campaign issue for Bush.

43: - SOT/VO

John Murtha - Representative 12th District

1/12/01, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

COURTS CLOGGED

Centre County court officials say that the increase in criminal and civil cases point to the need for another judge. That despite the addition of a third judge just a few years ago. With more on the Centre County court congestion, here's Cary Sinderson live in State College.

:45 - Package

:20 - Live

Keith Bierly - Centre County Commissioner

1/16/01, 5:30 /6 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

SENATE HEARINGS/McVEIGH

George W. Bush's most controversial cabinet pick faces a grilling in the Senate. Opponents are lining up against John Ashcroft with questions about his positions on abortion and civil rights. Alison Burns is live in our Washington D.C. bureau with the latest on Ashcroft's confirmation hearing.

1:38 - Package

John Ashcroft – Attorney General nominee

Patricia Ireland - NOW President

Sen. Ted Kennedy – Massachusetts

Star Parker - Ashcroft supporter

1/16/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

SWEAT SHOPS

The Clinton administration is taking one last swing at abusive child labor. Today both the State Dept. and the Labor Dept. announced millions in grants to tackle the international problem of sweat shops. Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington Bureau.

1:46 - Package

Madelaine Albright - Secretary of State

Alexis Herman - Secretary of Labor

1/20/01, 11 PM, Saturday Jon Meyer, Christie Seibert, Brigette Langmade

BUSH INAUGURATION

The nation has a new president. Under rainy skies in Washington, George Walker Bush took the oath of office. He pledged to build a single nation of justice and opportunity. NewsCenter 6's Jon Meyer is in the nation's capitol with more.

1:32 - Package

:26 - Live

Continuing team coverage, with the new presidency less than 24 hours old, people in our area have mixed feelings about the younger President Bush.

:46 - Package

Kathy Debrason – Democrat

Mary Miller - Democrat

Trudy Dona - Republican

Wm Grech - Republican

Security at today's inauguration was tighter than at any other in history. And with good reason, thousands of angry protesters lined the parade route and several arrests were made. Joinging us from Washington with the latest is Brigette Langmade.

1:26 - Package

:28 - Live

Ernest Ford - PA protester

Stacey Gurian-Sherman - Maryland protester

Martin Leifker -Bush supporter

1/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

MARCH FOR LIFE

It's the 28th anniversary of Roe vs Wade, the Supremem Court decision that legalized abortion. Today in Washinton, protestors who want the ruling overturned are expressing new hope as a new president moves into the White House. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns has the latest.

2:03 - Package

Sis Adams - Anti-abortion demonstrator

Rev. Patrick Mahoney - Christian Defense Coalition

Andres Guitierez – Anti-abortion demonstrator

Paulice Stamatopoulos - Pro-choice demonstrator

1/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

LOCAL FIGHT OVER ROE VS WADE

Both sides of the abortion battle anticipate changes as the new Bush administration makes its presence felt. Pro-life activists are energized by the possibilities whil pro-choice proponents say they're not giving up a thing without a fight. Locally, the battle is much the same.

1:45 - Package

Gladys Clifton - Johnstown President Pro-choice for Women

Peg Luksik - Chairman - Pro-life in Johnstown

1/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

9th DISTRICT RACE

With candidates lining up as possible succesors to Bud Shuster in the Ninth Congressional District, now there's a controversy over when a special election will be scheduled. It's up to Governor Ridge to decide but there's speculation he may call for an election earlier than first anticipated. With the latest of the race, Cary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

:48 - Package

:35 - Live

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

1/25/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

HOUSING BOARD PROBE

Johnstown's City Council is asking for an intenal investigation into the city's housing authority. The issue: excessive spending by several housing authority board members.

:42 - VO

1/29/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

CHURCH AND STATE

In his second week in office, Bush has created a program that's sure to cause controversy. At issue is the separation of church and state. A new White House office is in charge of funding faith-based charities. Lisa Stofko joins us live with more.

1:30 - Package :24 - Live

Sarah Page - Single Mother /Student

Carol Sarlouis – Executive Director Mom's House

Phyllis Bandstra - Executive Director

2/06/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

RU-486

The controversial abortion pill faces more legislative battle today. The debate is almost as heated as the one over abortions themselves. Republican lawmakers say it's their concern for a woman's health that is prompting them to ask for tighter controls. Miranda Gresko has the details and she joins us live.

1:15 – Package :32 – Live Amy Vay – State College Jessica Ronczka – State College Jeff Ford – State College

2/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

REVERSING BRAIN DRAIN

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge has come up with a proposal to spend ten million dollars to hopefully reverse what is termed "the brain drain" – the growing number of Pennsylvania college grads who are leaving the state to land jobs elsewhere. Gary Sinderson has reaction to the proposal tonight from the Penn State campus. 1:08 – Package

Amanda greer – Penn State student Brian Harper – Business Consultant Larry Kreger – Penn State student FrankFedler – Penn State student

Ann Harper – Ford Motor Company Mark Lynden – Boeing Corp. Jon Louse – Penn State student

2/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

NURSING SHORTAGE

An update tonight on a story NewsCenter 6 has been following closely for months – the national shortage of Registered Nurses. State lawmakers are now considering a special loan-forgiveness program to entice graduates to stay and work in Pennsylvania. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:40 – Package Heidi Wild – Nursing student Sarah Cornell – Nursing student Louise Pugliese – R.N. Director

2/08/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

There's growing frustration over the lack of action by Pennsylvania lawmakers on how best to spend millions of dollars the state has coming in tobacco settlement money. It's becomes the latest political football in Harrisburg and the lack of a spending agreement is actually costing the state money. With more on the tobacco tug-of-war, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:07 - Package

:26 - Live

Richard Zimmerman – PA Secretary of Health Laurie Perman – American Lung Assoc. Al Snyder – Tobacco Prevention Coalition Dr. Richard Dixon – Centre Community Hospital

2/14/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

ELECTION REFORM

News networks were called to Capitol Hill today to answer questions about their presidential election coverage. Today's hearing could be the first real step towards election reform. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has the latest from Washington.

1:16 - Package

Rep. Richard Burr - North Carolina

Joan Konner - CNN Election Investigator

James Risser - Independent Election Researcher

2/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Carmen Grant

NORFOLK SOUTHERN / RIDGE

Norfolk Southern workers at the Hollidaysburg car shops in Blair County will get help from the state's top lawmaker. Governor Tom Ridge is stepping in to assist hundreds of employees who will be out of a job come September.

NewsCenter 6's Carmen Grant is live in Hollidaysburg with more.

1:19 - Package

Lawrence Savino - Altoona Savings

Tom Ridge - Governor

2/22/01. 5:30 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

STUDENT PARTY

In State College, a potentially powerful political group has been virtually silent for ages, but now there's movement to awaken what some call the sleeping giant. The new political effort focuses on Penn State students who actually outnumber the town residents in State College. With more on the impact of what's been done and what the future may hold, Gary Sinderson joins us now live.

:48 - Package

:23 - Live

Martin Austermuhle – Student Party organizer

2/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Alison Burns

FOOD PROGRAMS

A new report out of Washington D.C. shows that Pennsylvania is one of the best states when it comes to getting its hungry citizens into food stamp programs. But there are still thousands of Pennsylvanians eligible for government help who are not getting it. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is standing by live in Washington to tell us why.

1:05 - Package

James Weill - Food Research and Action Center

2/27/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade **BUSH SPEECH**

President Bush prepares for his first major address to Congress. How much you pay in taxes hangs in the balance. Bush will push his one point six trillion dollar tax plan. With more on what the tax plan means for your wallet, let's head to NewsCenter 6's Brigette Langmade who's standing by live with the latest.

:52 - Package

:23 - Live

2/27/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

VOLUNTEER MONEY

In any county in Pennsylvania, you can find a volunteer emergency crew that's having a hard time surviving. But if one state lawmaker has his way, volunteer fire and ambulance services will be in-line for a big boost. Julie Sidoni has been following this story and she joins us live with more.

:53 - Package

Bob Heffelfinger - Richland V.F.D.

3/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

DORM SPRINKLERS

Governor Tom Ridge is proposing some major changes to sprinkler legislation that's already in the works. The question is – will enough students be protected? The necessity of the sprinklers in college housing has never been an issue. Instead, the real issue is how to pay for them. Cary Sinderson joins us live from State College with a look at just how effective Ridge's proposal will be at protecting students.

1:25 - Package

:23 - Live

Tim Knisley - Centre County Fire Inspector

Gary Lewis - Fire Inspector

3/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

ERGONOMICS

There is a major showdown underway on Capitol Hill over your safety on the job. It involves a program of rules developed by the Clinton administration to protect workers but has major financial implications for businesses. Joining us live from NewsCenter 6's Washing D.C. bureau is Brigette Langmade.

1:45 - Package

:22 - Live

Sherree Lolos - Repetitive injury victim

Rep. Tony Hall - Ohio

Mark Santoleri - Pennsylvania businessman

3/13/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jane Watrel

GUN LAWS

With another deadly school shooting fresh in everyone's mind, gun control advocates were in Washington today trying to push forward a new way to enforce handgun safety. They want to follow a Massachusetts plan that uses consumer laws to force gun manufacturers to make a safer product. Jane Watrel has more.

1:38 - Package

Michael Barnes - Gun Control advocate

Tom Reilly - Attorney General - MA

Ann Marie Cromwell – Mother of gun victim

3/14/01. 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

PORK SPENDING

A new book is out tonight and it's one that many in Washington might not want to read – The Citizens Against Government Waste's Congressional Pig Book. It's a record of where this year's 18.5 billion dollars in pork projects are going. With more on the report and the watchdog group's assessment of our lawmakers efforts is NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker of our Washington bureau.

1:15 - Package

:28 - Live

3/14/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

HOOF AND MOUTH

In an effort to stop a very contagious animal virus called hoof and mouth disease from entering the U.S., the government has imposed import restrictions along with some travel regulations that are bound to cause some disruptions. However, they say that stopping the spread of this potentially devastating disease is worth all the inconveniences.

1:43 - Package

Dr. Craig Reed - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Dr. Lester Crawford - Georgetown University

3/15/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Brigette Langmade

BANKRUPTCY

Washington plans to send a clear message to those people who rack up debt and then declare bankruptcy to get out of paying their tab. But some say this move couldn't come at a worse time when the economy is slowing and workers may not be able to recover from cutbacks in industry. NewsCenter 6's Brigette Langmade is standing by live with the latest.

1:25 - Package

:22 - Live

Se. Jeff Sessions - Alabama

Sen. Paul Wellston - Minnesota

Joy Thormodsgard - Credit counselor

3/15/01, 11 PM, Thursday Steve Handelsman

AIRLINE DELAYS

There were more hearings today on Capitol Hill on the problem of airline delays, but the only thing experts could agree on was those of us who fly will suffer even more delays and frustration before things improve, if they ever do. Steve Handelsman is in Washington tonight with more on this frustrating situation.

1:45 - Package

Rep. Harold Rogers - Kentucky

John Carr - Air traffic controller

3/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Alison Burns

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Today the Senate began two weeks of debate on the controversial issue of campaign finance reform. Republican senator John McCain is predicting a huge battle. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns has the latest from Washington.

1:30 - Package

Dorris Haddock – Campaign Finance crusader

Sen. John McCain - Arizona

Sen. Chuck Hagel - Nebraska

3/19/01, 6 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

FIRE-FIGHTING CUT

Firefighters aren't just busy battling fires these days. They're also busy battling possible funding cuts at the hands of the President. The Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement Act funnels money to the volunteer companies that need it most. But if George W. Bush gets his way, it'll be a thing of the past. Julie Sidoni has the details.

:44 - Package

:18 - Live

Nate Kimberling - DVFD Chief

3/20/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

LIBRARY LEGISLATION

The nation's libraries are fighting the Federal government over a new law that requires filters on internet accessible computers. The law is intended to stop kids from being exposed to pornography but the American Library Association says it goes too far. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is live now with the latest on this growing controversy.

1:30 - Package

:19 - Live

Robin Johnson - Mother

Emily Shetekoff - American Library Assoc.

Jan La Rue – Family Research Council

3/21/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS

President Bush is asking for support for a patients' Bill of Rights. But at the same time, he's threatening to veto a plan already making it's way through the Senate. Brigette Langmade has the latest from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:30 - Package

Sen. Ted Kennedy – Massachusetts

3/23/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Alison Burns

TAX CUT

Both Republicans and Democrats seem to agree that Americans deserve immediate tax relief – but will arguments about who should get the most of it keep anyone from getting anything this year? Alison Burns is standing by in our Washington D.C. bureau with the latest.

1:13 - Package

:17 - Live

Tom Daschle - Minority leader

3/27/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sherry Stalley **WIC**

There is a possible rough road ahead for families needing financial help feeding their children. Federal funding continues to be cut for the Women Infant and Children program, otherwise known as WIC. With more on this story, and the Senate bill poised to make major changes in the program, we go live to Sherry Stalley.

1:38 - Package

Wendy Fisher - WIC recipient

Lenny Meketa – WIC program director

3/27/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

SOFT MONEY REFORM

A major roadblock to campaign finance reform legislation was voted down today in Washington. NewsCenter 6's Brigette Langmade is standing by live in our Washington D.C. newsroom with the latest.

1:13 - Package

:24 - Live

Sen. Chuck Hagel - Nebraska

Se, John McCain - Arizona

Sen. Russ Feingold - Wisconsin

3/28/01. 5:30 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

HUMAN CLONING

Will doctors soon be able to play God? That's what's on the plate for lawmakers on Capitol Hill as they take on the issue of human cloning. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns takes a look at the argument.

2:00 - Package

Brigette Boisselier – Biochemist

Rep. Jim Greenwood - PA

Dr. Thomas Okarma - Biotech Industry Assoc.

3/30/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Alison Burns

GAS INVESTIGATION

It looks like this summer might be a lot like last summer when it comes to the prices at the pump. A Federal investigation is now complete into whether last summer, oil companies intentionally gouged consumers when supplies were tight. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:52 - Package

1/03/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

ROUTE 56 SPEED

Some Bedford County residents say they won't give up on their campaign to reduce the speed limit on what they say is a dangerous stretch of highway. PennDOT refuses to lower the 55-mile per hour speed limit along Rt. 56 through Alum Bank.

:55 - SOT/VO Gary Slagle - resident Dick Walker – resident

1/04/01, 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

LIQUOR LICENSE

Depending on where you live, the number of places where you can get a drink may be increasing considerably. It's due to new regulations from the State on permitting liquor licenses and in some towns its raising concerns about making alcohol too accessible. With more on the license change, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:02 - Package

:25 - Live

Peter Marshall - State College Manager

Mike Desmond - Allen Street Grill

1/05/01, 5 PM, Friday Carmen Grant

ASHVILLE AMBULANCE

A Cambria County volunteer ambulance service is in jeopardy of losing its license. And as Carmen Grant tells us., emergency workers are concerned the loss will hinder service in neighboring communities.

1:22 - Package

Ron Beck - Ashville Ambulance worker

Nancy Dybus - EMS Technician

1/05/01, 11 PM, Friday Miranda Gresko

YOUNG DRIVER REFORM

Higher standards for young drivers are paying off. As Miranda Gresko tells us, here in Pennsylvania, crashes involving teens are down 25 percent since a new law took effect. 1:23 - Package

Brad Fisher - Driver's Education Instructor

1/05/01, 11 PM, Friday Liz Crenshaw

GAS SAFETY

Millions of homes use natural gas for heating, cooking, and hot water daily. But when an accident happens, many homeowners begin to wonder about their safety. Linda Crenshaw has more.

1:39 - Package

Tim Sargent - Washington Gas

1/12/01, 5:30 / 6 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

NO MINING

A Centre County company's plans to mine Nittany Mountain are again rejected in a court ruling. The ruling cites regulations against mining in a forest area. It's a ruling that has residents breathing a sigh of relief.

:49 - SOT/VO

Charles Wingert - Resident opposed to mining

1/16/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

RURAL INTERNET ACCESS

For those who think having internet access is as basic to human life as food and water, think again. As Miranda Gresko reports, many Americans are still waiting for a piece of the technology pie.

1:14- Package

Amy Glasmeier - PSU Geography Professor

1/17/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

EBENSBURG GUN SAFETY PROGRAM

Cambria County is taking the initiative to keep kids safe from guns. Today, the D.A.'s office and the Child Development Corp. shared their plan to reach children through their caregivers.

:51 - SOT/VO

Ron Kitka - Cambria County Child Dev.

1/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Tracie Potts and Marty Radovanic

CALIFORNIA POWER CRISIS

The blackouts in California have just begun and already they're having a major impact on people's lives there. Tracie Potts now with the latest.

1:30 – Package

Now the blackouts in California have caused many to ask, "Could it happen here?" :48 – SOT/VO

Rick Seese - Reliant Energy

1/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

SMOKE FREE CENTRE COUNTY

Should Pennsylvania follow the lead of others and ban smoking in all restaurants and bars? Many places have already voluntarily snuffed out smoking, hoping it will lead to a ban against lighting up by the State legislature. With the latest on the battle against smoking, Cary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:13 - Package :23 - Live

Ron Wiser – Owner Diamond Deli

Al Snider - Tobacco Prevention Coalition

Lauri Perman - Parent of child with asthma

1/22/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

WOMEN SELF-DEFENSE

Man or woman, small or big, being able to defend yourself may be the most important thing you ever learn. And you don't have to travel far to do it. Julie Sidoni joins us now live with more.

1:20 – Package Shiryl Pritts – Victim Services Julie Sarver – Victim Services Rich Gambino – Instructor

1/22/01, 11 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

LANDFILL MEETING

People in Somerset County are protesting the expansion of an area landfill. An informational meeting was held tonight at Shade-Central City High School. 1:02 – SOT/VO Linda Jo Berkey – Resident Betsy Mallison DEP

1/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

JOHNSTOWN LEGAL ADVICE

A Johnstown lawter is reaching out to those who are unsure where to go for legal advice. Southern Allegheny's Legal Services will soon be eliminated and many are not sure what they can do for low-cost legal help.

:42 - SOT/VO

D.C. Nokes, Jr - Lawyer

1/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

MADISONBURG WATER BATTLE

The small Centre county town that's fighting the state over water regulations now faces more pressure. When the state ordered Madisonburg to clean up its water supply, the town to the state to court. Now a judge is overseeing the case.

:55 - SOT/VO

Matt Milliron - Centre County Planner

1/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

UNSAFE WATER

In one Cambria County community tonight, there's a warning from the D-E-P. Some private wells have tested positive for bacteria that can make you sick. Julie Sidoni is following this story and she joins us live now with more.

1:20 - Package

:22 - Live

Ron Schirato – Belsano resident Des Warzel – Belsano resident

Michael Pisarcik - Municipal authority

1/26/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

INTERNET ADOPTION

Few can argue that adoption hasn't changed over the years. But as the internet is starting to play a bigger role, is that change for the better, or for the worse. Julie Sidoni takes a look.

1:43 – Package Renee Runyan – Adoptive parent David Baum – Adoption attorney Mardie Caldwell – Adoption facilitator

Prof. Devon Brooks - USC

1/29/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Carmen Grant

CHILD SAFETY

Unfortunate accidents like the near drowning of an infant in a bucket of water that occurred in Altoona this week are more common than you think. Carmen Grant spoke with some child safety advocates about what can be done to avoid this from happening in your home.

1:10 – Package Loretta Nicolini – Child safety advocate Scott Magley – Altoona Hospital

1/30/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

HOUSEHOLD DANGERS

Even the most child-proof homes can be full of hidden dangers. But there are things you can do to find them. Julie Sidoni is working this story and joins us now live. 1:07 – Package

::26 - Live

Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg - Pediatrician

1/30/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Anietra Hamper

SLEDDING SAFETY

Sledding is a popular winter past-time for kids of all ages. But tonight, Anietra Hamper shows us what happens when safety is the first thing to go downhill.

1:34 - Package

Patrick Lane - Sledding Accident Survivor

Patti Lane - Patrick's mother

Dr. Jonathan Groner - Children's Hospital

1/31/01, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

RETIREMENT SAVING

If you think you have plenty of time to think about retirement, think again. Experts say, the sooner you start, the better and easier it will be. Lisa Stofko reports on how to get started and gives us some tips from the experts.

1:50 - Package

Gwen Thompson - Started saving early

Ray Wozny - Started saving late

Franklin Banfer - Cert. Financial Planner

1/31/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin **WOMEN PROFESSORS**

Traditionally male-dominated fields are attracting more women. But are the opportunities the same for both men and women? :59 - SOT/VO Bev Hunter - Professor

Erin Lang - UPJ Junior

SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE JANUARY

Extra

1/18/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Extra examines playground safety at the nation's public playgrounds and school yards.

Some new innovations in playground equipment are profiled.

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2/01/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Rick Shepard

SKIING SAFETY

It is the height of the ski season, a sport many say is exciting, challenging, and invigorating. But all too many times, it is dangerous, even deadly. Rick Shephard takes a look at the laws of the slopes, laws designed to keep you alive 1:14 – Package

Brian Gonsman - Blue Knob Ski Resort

2/01/01, 6/11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

RECYCLING CENTER

Centre County's recycling program ranks among the best statewide. It's soon going to be paying financial dividends to its contributors and expanding to handle more recycling. Gary Sinderson joins us with all the details.

:50 - Package

:28 - Live

Ted Onufrak – Solid Waste Authority Director Joanne Shafer – Recycling coordinator

2/02/01, 11 PM, Friday Mark Strassmann

AGE OF RAGE

We live in an age of rage. On the road, where we live, work, and shop. People seem to keep losing it over nothing. The result ranges from comic to embarassing, from frightening to tragic. Mark Strassman has more in this NewsCenter 6 Special Report. 2:00 – Package

Renee Scheffer – Flight Attendant

Dr. Joseph Parisi – Behavioralist

2/05/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

OLD TROLLEY

In an effort to ease parking problems for commuters in the city of Johnstown, a little bit of history returns to the downtown area. The Renaissance Trolley will be shuttling commuters into the business district.

:47 - SOT/VO

Frank Kazik - Rider

Irving Cure - CAMTRAN

2/05/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

BLACK ICE

It's not just your imagination. What seems like an ice-free road can send your car into a spin. An Oregon study finds that black ice is one of the leading causes of weather-related accidents. Julie Sidoni joins us now with a warning about this winter road hazard. :58 – Package

:24 - Live

Tom Polites – PenDOT Foreman

2/05/01, 11 PM, Monday Jeff Levkulich

SHIFTY LOADS

We see it almost once a week around our area. Truck drivers spill their cargo on area roads and sometimes the results can even be deadly. Tonight, Jeff Levkulich investigates the dangers of shifty loads.

2:00 - Package

Jim Murray - Victim's father

Stephanie Murray - Impaled by debris

2/06/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

SEX ON TV

A study out today confirms what most Americans already knew; there's a lot of sex on television, often when your children are watching. What are the psychological effects for kids. Doctors say the findings are troubling. Juli Sidoni is following the story and she joins us with more.

1:25 - Package

:26 - Live

Vicky Rideout - Kaiser Foundation

Jessica Klein - Producer

2/06/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jeff Levkulich

SHIFTY LOADS

Last night, we exposed how our roads are made more dangerous by truck drivers who are not securing tons of cargo. Jeff Levkulich continues his investigation into the dangers of shifty loads.

1:52 - Package

Trooper Richard Koontz - PA State Police Bedford

2/08/01. 5:30 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

SAFETY SEATS

A new report just released today shows that many states allow kids to ride around without protection at all while others just require adult seat belts for very small children. One group says that states with those laws get a failing grade and they altimately fail America's kids. Landra Booker is live in our Washington DC newsroom with the latest.

:47 - Package

:29 - Live

Trooper Hirsh - PA State Police

Heather Paul - National Safe-Kids Campaign

Dwaine Lape - Victim's grandfather

2/09/01, 5:00 PM, Friday Miranda Gresko

CENTRE COUNTY PRISON

A new Centre County jail is in the works but as Miranda Gresko reports, people in Bellefonte are concerned about the effect of the facility on the downtown area and business growth.

1:29 - Package

Ralph Stewart - Borough Manager

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

Keith Bierly - Centre County Commissioner

2/12/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

TOXIC EXHAUST

Kids who ride the school bus may face an increased risk of getting cancer and asthma. Two environmental groups are releasing a report today that says kids on the bus are exposed to four times the level of toxic diesel exhaust as someone travelling in a car. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is standing by live in Washington with the latest.

1:53 - Package

:24 - Live

Linda Greer – Nat'l Res. Defense Council Charles Goulthier – Industry analyst

2/12/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

CAR SEATS

It's a startling statistic. As many as 95 per cent of child safety seats are installed incorrectly. As Lisa Stofko reports, some new parents in our area are getting an unexpected but pleasant reminder to have their child-seats inspected.

1:21 - Package

Dan Sweeney - New father

Stacy Sweeny - New mother

2/12/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

WOMEN AND GUNS

They're your wives, your mothers, your daughters. And they are refusing to let guns scare them. More women than ever are applying for gun permits and taking safety classes. They're recommending other women do the same. Julie Sidoni has this NewsCenter 6 Special Report.

2:23 - Package

Susan Jamieson – Target shooter

Jim Jardina - Rifle / Pistol Club

Karen Hugya - Firearms Instructor

2/14/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

SUMMERHILL DEFIBRILLATOR

A Cambria County fire department is helping to save lives with a new piece of equipment. It's a mobile defibrillator that's already making a difference. Lisa Stofko has the story.

1:43 - Package

Steve Parks - Trained to use A.E.D.

Eric Miller - Forest Hills Ambulance Assoc.

2/19/01, 5 PM, Monday Jeff Levkulich

SCHEDULED KIDS

These days it seems our kids need secretaries or at least an electronic organizer. Parents are constantly on the go, shuttling their little ones back and forth to sports practices, dance lessons, club meetings, But with all the running, are our kids becoming more well-rounded or are parents just running themselveds ragged for nothing? There's an effort underway encouraging parents and kids to spend less time in carpools and more time with each other. Jeff Levkulich has the story.

2:32 – Package William Dougherty – Author Jane Guffy – Mother Matthew Guffy – Age 10

2/19/01. 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

LIQUOR LAWS

The biggest change in seventy years in the way state liquor licenses are allocated is certain to create new business opportunities. But is it for the best or will it simply make booze more plentiful? With more on those big changes is Gary Sinderson live from State College.

1:05 - Package

:25 - Live

Mike Desmond - Hotel State College

Chris Exarchos - College Township Council

2/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

BUS SAFETY

While a National Traffic Safety study says that school buses are one of the safest modes of transportation, no everyone agrees that they don't need improvements. While critics contend that restrainst do more harm than good, proponents want a seat belt or bar to keep children in place.

:40 - SOT/VO

Jerry Tibbott - Tri-county Transport

2/20/01, 6 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

CHILD GUNS

There is at least one gun in four of every ten American homes and that number is much higher in our region. That's whu Cambria County officials have created a new program that's aimed at keeping kids safe. Julie Sidoni has this story and she joins us now live.

1:00 - Package

:27 - Live

Michelle Ellis - Development Corp.

Doreen Torres - Board Member

Mark Deyulis - Board Member

2/23/01. 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

NEW WARNING SYSTEM

People living in Cambria county have a new way of learning if danger is about to strike. The county's 911 center can now call you if a storm or another threat is near. It is a system that will eventually be used throughtout the entire state. Jon Meyers joins us now live with more.

1:00 - Package

:25 - Live

Nick Wuckovich – 911 Center

Robbin Melnyk - 911 Center

2/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Winter weather, be it ice-covered roads or white-out conditions, can really test your driving skills. Lisa Stofko put her own skills to the test and joins us now with more on defensive driving.

2:15 - Package

:30 - Live

Carl Keifer - Driver's Education Instructor

2/23/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

SEAT BELTS

In the accident that claimed Dale Earnhardt's life, the lap belt holding the stock car legend in his seat was broken. How, when, or where it snapped is not known right now, which is raising safety concerns among street drivers as well. Julie Sidoni joins us live with more.

1:01 - Package

:19 - Live

Ruth Gobin - Highway Safety Network

Bill Simpson – Performance Products

2/27/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

FLAMMABLE TUNNEL

This time last night a tanker-truck had caught fire on the side of the Pennsylvania Turnpike – right before the Tuscarora Tunnels. State police were afraid it would explode, so they shut down the pike and evacuated drivers. Today many are wondering how safe the tollway is and what kinds of hazardous materials legally roll on that road everyday. Christie Seibert joins us live from the turnpike with some answers.

1:10 - Package

Joe Szymusiak - Concerned motorist

2/27/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

KIDS & DOORS

It's happened again. Another toddler is hospitalized today after wandering outside overnight into subzero weather. In the wake of these incidents, parents are asking how does this kind of thing happen? What can you do to better protect your child from wandering out? Lisa Stofko now with some expert advice.

1:24 - Package

Joyce Bowers – Executive Director Safety First

3/01/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sherry Stalley

OBSCURE HOMETOWN

What makes the place you live your hometown and what makes a great hometown? After months of research, an internet site has come up with the answers to what makes people pick the small towns they do to live in. Sherry Stalley is live with more.

1:24 – Package :19 – Live Richard Burkert

3/07/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

DIFRIBILLATOR

You're at the mall and suffer a heart attack. The quicker you're resuscitated the better your chances for survival. But how do you get help in a large crowded mall? How does a medical team find you in the mall? Lisa Stofko reports that malls across the region will soon be in a better position to help both their customers and their employees.

1:32 - Package

Richard Bloom – Altoona Dan Wood – Crown Safety Manager Gail Walker – Altoona

3/09/01. 11 PM, Friday Miranda Gresko

SICK BUILDING SYNDROME

Ever heard the expression "allergic to work"? For many Americans, it is not the work they are sneezing at; it's the air in their workplace causing them to literally be sick. Miranda Gresko reports.

1:54 – Package Dr. Allen Stein – Medical Director Greg Mussi – Code inspector

3/12/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Bill Brown

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

This is the time of year when people become over-whelmed with their financial situation. All the Christmas bills are in and the taxes are looming. While it may look impossible, getting your finances in order can help save you money in the long run. Bill Brown has some tips on how to tackle that mountain of bills.

2:21 - Package

Steve Bucci – Consumer Credit Counseling Bette Skandalis – Financial planner Stuary Cohen – Credit Counseling Service

3/14/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

LEGAL SERVICES

Low income residents of Cambria County were facing serious problems in getting affordable legal help at the end of this month. Southern Alleghenies Legal Aid will cease to exist at the end of this month, leaving 20-thousand people in Cambria County with no options to obtain legal help. Now a new organization is ready to offer services. :42 - SOT/VO

James Whelton - Laurel Legal Services

3/15/01, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

TEEN INHALANTS

There's a warning for parents tonight. One in five teens say they've experimented with sniffing or huffing fumes from common household products. The National Inhalant Prevention Coalition reports that inhalants are the most popular among twelve-year olds. Most parents appear to know nothing about this teen craze and their kids have no idea of the dangers involved. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

2:02 - Package Diane Stem - mother of inhalant victim Ann Brown - CPSC chairman Ricky Stem Sr. – father of inhalant victim

3/16/01. 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

PETS IN HOUSING

For years, the rule was - No Pets Allowed in public housing. But Federal law has changed that and as Lisa Stofko reports, it's a change that's drawing mixed reactions. 1:15 - Package

Dan Kanuch - JHA Executive Director Theresa Holliday - Opposes new policy

3/20/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

HISTORIC DISTRICT PRESERVATION

As development continues in the State College area, there's a growing movement to make sure its past is preserved. Two neighbors are already designated as National Historic Districts. However, how far are the homeowners there suppose to go in maintaining the historic structures is becoming a source of growing controversy. Gary Sinderson is live in State College.

1:05 - Package :22 - Live Robert Bini - Centre Region planner

Jackie Melander – Historic Resources Comm.

Janet Knauer – State College Council

3/20/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

DIET INDUSTRY

What used to be an obscure item at health food stores now fills rows of shelves at supermarkets and drug stores. All these diet supplements are a huge and growing business that some critics say needs regulation for the safety of customers.

1:16 - Package

Rep. Dan Burton - Indiana

Loren Israelson - Natural Products Alliance

3/21/01, 5/6 PM, Wednesday Carmen Grant

CRISIS WORKSHOP

A tragedy can occur at any time, anywhere, whether at work, school, or home. Carmen Grant has the story of a workshop that's teaching businesses how to cope in a crisis.

1:19 – Package Evelyn Wirick – Social worker Phil Sukenik – Hoss's

3/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

CHILD POISONING

There's a warning tonight to parents about child poisoning. Safety experts are pointing out that many products we use everyday can pose serious threats and they have advice on what to do if your kids find themselves in trouble with poison.

:39 - SOT/VO

Dr. Scott Magley - Altoona Hospital

SAFETY / OUALITY OF LIFE . . . MARCH

Extra

3/21/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the dangers in a kitchen and how you can keep your

kitchen as clean as it can be.

Show #: 7170

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

RICKI LAKE

3/27/01

Host: Ricki Lake

The women on this show juggle family and work. The working mothers defend their lifestyle while friends and family members complain that they feel abandoned and that the children are suffering from a lack of time spent together. Ricki enlists experts to help the mothers determine if they can find a happy medium that would enable the women to feel financially sound and allow them to spend more time with their families.

Show #: 8132

Syndicator: Columbia Tristar

1/05/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Jennifer Auther

JOBS OUTLOOK

While the jobless rate in the U.S. has been remarkably low lately, it's expected those numbers may go up with recently released labor statistics for December. Jennifer Auther assesses the big losers and winners in the job market.

2:08 - Package Lou Santo - Boeing employee Gale Schluter - Boeing employee Ron Bird - Economist Meg Whitman - CEO Ebay

1/08/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

JOHNSTOWN HARDWOOD INITIATIVE

Pennsylvania has its share of hardwood and some say it's time the keystone state better market those resources. That's the goal of the Westylvania Hardwood Initiative, to bring together business people and those in forestry and lumber industries to explore the economic value and job creation of marketing the hardwood.

:50 - SOT/VO

Bill Choby - Hardwood Initiative

1/08/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

NORTHERN CAMBRIA SHIRT FACTORY

When one Cambria County factory declared bankruptcy, 140 jobs were suddenly on the line. But tonight, those jobs are a little closer to staying put. Julie Sidoni is live in Northern Cambria with the details.

1:28 - Package :18 - Live

Kay Neff - President Local 1660

Eva Wargo - Council President

1/09/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

SHIRT FACTORY

The future looks cloudy for Barnesboro Shirt Co. in Northern Cambria County. A tricky economy has forced the owner into selling the factory to save jobs, but there is still a lot of snarls to unravel before this can happen. Christie Seibert joins us now with more.

1:20 - Package :26 - Live

Yale Shanfield - Owner, Barnesboro Shirts

Kay Neff - President Local 1660

1/17/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Miranda Gresko

WALMART HUNTINGDON

It's been a sore spot for downtown merchants in Huntingdon for years, but a giant retailer may be coming to town sooner than later. Miranda Gresko reports on the effect of retailers on other businesses in the county.

1:42 - Package

Bob Geissinger – Western Auto

Joseph Chambers – Huntingdon resident

1/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

STATE COLLEGE JOB CUTS

More worries about the downturn in the economy as workers at a Centre County company today are shocked by lay-off notices. It comes as the company downsizes its manufacturing operation and announces a fifteen per cent reduction in its workforce. Cary Sinderson joins us live from State College with more.

:54 - Package

:28 - Live

Roger Maull - Former employee Carl Wilkinson - Former employee

Ralph Oliva - PSU Smeal Business College

1/18/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

BIZ EXPANDS

Covering Bedford County now, a company that makes high quality granite, marble, and limestone counter tops and other stone products is making a move into the Everett Area, with plans to double its staff. It's a big boom for this Bedford community. :48 – VO

1/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

RED CROSS STRIKE

Area Red Cross workers may strike, after contract negotiations broke down today. All this comes at a time when the region and the nation are in a critical need of blood donations.

1:25 / VO

1/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

WIREMILL LAYOFFS

A Johnstown steelmaker is cutting back due to a slowdown in the auto industry. Johnstown Wire Technologies says it's laying-off 35 workers effective Sunday night. :33 – VO

1/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SCI PINE GROVE

A new prison opens in our region and its operators say it's the first of its kind in the nation. The State Correctional Institute at Pine Grove is home to youth offenders starting this week, and finally the 231 new employees get to put their training to work. :59 – SOT/VO

Doug Russell - Prison spokesman

1/23/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

ALTOONA NORFOLK LAYOFFS

Norfolk Southern announces massive layoffs in the next year but it's anyone's guess how the restructuring will affect jobs in our region. Julie Sidoni is following this story and she's live now from the Juniata section of Altoona with more.

1:05 - Package

:25 - Live

Bill Hoover - Car shops employee

1/24/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Carmen Grant, Jon Meyers, Gary Sinderson NORFOLK SOUTHERN LAYOFFS

Workers at Norfolk Southern prepare for the worst. That's as the railroad company prepares to slash jobs in the next few months. NewsCenter 6's Carmen Grant spoke with employees at the Hollidaysburg car shops in Blair County about the job cuts and joins us live with their reaction.

1:30 - Package

:23 - Live

Jon Meyer continues our team coverage. He's live with details on the options available to those who lose their jobs.

1:15 - Package :28 - Live

Don Anderson – Taking training course

Al Carnahan - Supervisor Adult Education GJCTA

Many are wondering and worrying about the state of our economy. With more on what these layoffs mean, and the current economic trends, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:08 - Package ::25 - Live

Ralph Oliva - PSU Business College

1/25/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Carmen Grant

WHISTLEBLOWER

Should a school driver from Indiana County be fired because she went outside her compnay to blow the whistle on another employee who was allegedly drunk on the job? Carmen Grant spoke to an area bus company about its policy when it involves child safety.

1:30 - Package

Linda Laratonda - Fullington Bus Company

Dwight Straesser - School Administrator

1/25/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

SOMERSET COUNTY WATER ACCESS

Obviously, water is essential for living and working. But easy access to it is also a key component to lure new business into the region. Somerset County officials met today to figure out ways to deal with their access problems. Julie Sidoni is working on this story and joins us now live.

1:14 - Package :31 - Live

Jimmy Marker - County Commissioner

Bob Bastain - 69th District

Hank Parke - County Commissioner

1/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jeff Levkulich

STEEL IMPORTS

The future of steel making in the U.S. is on the line. That's the word from the United Steelworkers of America who are headed to Congress. Here's Jeff Levkulich with the story.

1:16 – Package Joe Anderson – United Steel Workers Ernie Espositio – United Steel Workers

1/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Carmen Grant

INTEREST RATES

There is some good news about the economy from our country's top financial officer. Alan Greenspan predicts a cut in the interest rates. NewsCenter 6's Carmen Grant with the story on what this means for Americans and our region.

1:22 – Package

Stephen Perove - Investment Broker

2/02/01, 11 PM, Friday Landra Booker

JOBLESS RATE STUDY

New jobless numbers are in and they are the highest they've been in 16 months. In a report released today, economists predict the unemployment rate will get worse before it gets better. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. bureau. 1:27 – Package

Sonia Scott – unemployed

Helene King - occupational counsellor

2/05/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

BUSH TAX PLAN

President Bush says he has a tax plan that will give all Americans a tax break and the economy a shot in the arm. Bush today began a week-long oush to win support for his trillion dollar tax cut proposal. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:55 - Package

Robert McIntyre - Citizens For Tax Justice

2/06/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

RIDGE BUDGET

State lawmakers got their first look today at Governor Ridge's 20.8 billion dollar budget. The governor says our state will be ready for whatever the economy brings. :54 – SOT/VO

Tom Ridge - Governor

2/13/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

ECONOMY / INTEREST RATE DROP?

We may soon see another interest rate drop. Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan presented the nation's economic forecast to lawmakers today. By all accounts, it looks pretty grim. Alison Burns has the latest from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:46 - Package

Alan Greenspan – Federal Reserve Chairman

Rep. Bill Thomas - California

2/07/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Carmen Grant

C-COR LAYOFFS

Another round of lay-offs at a fiber optic plant. Last month, it was in State College, now it's workers at a Blair County plant that face layoffs. But employees are optimistic about their jobs. Officials say the furlough is just a relection of a slow down in industry at this time of year. Carmen Grant joins us live with more.

:50 - Package :23 - Live Sherry Kuphart - Worker Robert Nail - Worker

2/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jeff Levkulich

BEDFORD TAX MEETING

Bedford County Commissioners have a real dilemma on their hands. And this doesn't just affect the county offices; it stretches to groups and organizations across the county. A tax shortfall of 300-thousand dollars may result in layoffs county-wide and a cutback in services. Jeff Levkulich has been following this story and joins us live with the details.

1:23 – Package :25 – Live Dave Thompson – Bedford Co. Commissioner Gordon Diehl – Bedford Co. Sheriff

2/07/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

E-MAP PROGRAM

Small businesses and people interested in starting a business can run into a lot of costly environmental issues. Now Saint Francis University has a new program designed to help called E-Map and it's free.

:48 - SOT/VO

Kim Mishock - SBDC Training Coordinator

2/08/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Carmen Grant

ALTOONA OUTLOOK

With Wednesday's announcement that the Butterick plant in Altoona will close its doors, area business leaders are now concerned what impact the closing will have on the economy of Blair County. NewsCenter 6's Carmen Grant spoke with officials from the Altoona Blair County Development Corp. about the concern and joins us now.

1:27 - Package

:34 - Live

Jay Strawmire - A-B-C-D Corporation

2/21/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NORFOLK SOUTHERN WORKERS

Norfolk Southern workers' worst fears come true as the company permanently pulls out. Marty Radovanic is standing by live to spearhead our team coverage of this devastating news out of Blair County for hundreds of workers and their families. :48 – Live

Rudy Husband - Norfolk Southern

CONSEQUENCES FOR WORKERS

Jon Meyers joins us now with the consequences for the over three-hundred workers and all of the people of Altoona with this shut-down of a major employer.

:41 - Package

:36 - Live

Mike McGraw - Worker

Bill Shuster - Senatorial candidate

2/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

BUSINESS IMPACT

The loss of 320 jobs is a blow to any community. In Hollidaysburg, business owners are bracing themselves for the ripple effect from the car shops shutdown. Jon Meyer joins us live from Hollidaysburg with more on the impact which will no doubt reach throughout the Laurel Highlands.

1:05 - Package

:22 - Live

Jav Dell - Store owner

Don Beerbower - Store owner

Larry Lashinsky - Borough Council

2/22/01, 5 PM, Thursday Rick Shepard

JOBS AVAILABLE

For those workers affected by the closing of Norfolk southern, their big concern now is finding a new job. But it is well known that this is a tight job market. Where are the jobs to be found in this area? Rick Shepard has more on the job picture.

1:19 - Package

Brock Kull - Manpower

Bill Findley - State Labor Analyst

2/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

OLDER WORKERS

For many older Americans, finding a job in a tight market can be difficult. The competition with younger workers for jobs nationwide can leave older workers very discouraged. What can be done to even the playing field?

:49 - SOT/VO

Robin Beck - Senior Services

2/26/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Rick Shepard **SURVIVING LAYOFFS**

With the slowing economy, the pink slips are flying. Every day we hear of new corporate layoffs and cutbacks. It could happen to anyone. But are ther things you can do to help you survive a layoff? Things you should be doing before you get layed-off? Rick Shepard has some advice.

2:27 – Package Scott Hamrick – Lost job John Burko – Lost job Richard Pittman – Consumer Credit Counseling Ian Richardson – Construction Worker

3/01/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

TECH JOBS

At a time when big business is cutting back, there is a shortage of skilled labor across the country. The problem appears to stem from the mindset that you need a four-year degree to be successful. But in reality, officials say that many of the jobs out there require hands-on technical skills and that's a career path less traveled. Lisa Stofko is following this story and joins us live with a proposed campaign by Somerset officials to change the thinking on what is needed to get a good job.

1:30 - Package

:19 - Live

Bob Friedline - Administrative Director

Nick Felice - Economic Development Council

3/01/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

INTERNET UNEMPLOYMENT

All unemployment claims in the state of Pennsylvania can now be filed over the internet. Officials with the State Department of Labor and Industry say that using the website dramatically enhances the ease of filing and receiving unemployment benefits. :39 – VO

3/12/01. 6 / 11 PM. Monday Christie Seibert

CAMBRIA COUNTY CENSUS NUMBERS

The numbers are finally in and Cambria County leads the state in population loss with a 6.5 % decrease in population. Business leaders met today to discuss the latest indication that the local economy is not improving and a new plan for marketing the region. Christie Seibert joins us with more.

1:13 - Package

:22 - Live

Linda Thomson - President JARI

Pam Covitch - Store owner

3/14/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

STOCK MARKET IMPACT

Today marks the third straight day that the Stock Market has taken a plunge. What does this mean for our economy and how does it affect our wallets? What about our 401-K's? Are people losing their nest eggs? Expert Randy Vance of Edward Jones Investments joins us with some answers.

1:30 - Live

3/15/01, 5 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

FARMER'S CONCERNS

Cattle and dairy farmers across the U.S. are confident that an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease won't happen here. But their main concern now is consumer confidence. Farmers that have suffered through lean economic times, poor growing seasons, and rising fuel costs say hoof and mouth disease may be deadly in more ways than one for their industry.

1:10 – Package Jeff Keown – University of Nebraska Don Mains – Dairy Managers of PA Doug Wilson – Genex Co.

3/16/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

BEDFORD ECONOMIC IMPACT

Some good news now for an area county's economy. At the Bedford County Development Association's annual meeting, officials released the results of a promising study with the credit going to the Bedford Industrial Park.

:31 - SOT/VO

Stuart Patz - Economic Consultant

3/20/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

SEWARD JOBS

Finally, some good news for the local economy. A new bigger and better power plant means hundreds of new jobs along with all the benefits for the area with cleaner more efficient electricity. Reliant Energy's new plant in Seward has the potential to regenerate a sagging Indiana County. Julie Sidoni is live now with more.

1:28 - Package

:20 -Live

Richard Benedict - Business Development

3/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Carmen Grant

PLANT CLOSING / BLAIR COUNTY

On Monday, Huck Jacobson announced it will close its Altoona plant. About 160 workers could lose their jobs, a move that only adds to the hardship of the area still reeling from the news of a Norfolk Southern shutdown. Carmen Grant has more on the impact on the Blair County economy of the most recent announcement.

:55 - Package

Jay Strawmire - A.B.C.D.

3/27/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SKILLED LABOR

No matter where you are in West Central Pennsylvania, people are looking for job opportunities. Somerset County leaders are moving forward with an initiative that they hope will allow more young people to earn a competitive wage without having to leave the area. Lisa Stofko is following this story and joins us now live with more.

1:08 - Package

:23 - Live

Carol Kemp - Director of Guidance

Nick Felice - Economic Development Council

3/27/01, 5 & 6 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

BRAIN DRAIN

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown has come up with a program designed to match college graduates with regional companies and stem the brain drain that has been hampering our area. Instead of leaving the area, our best educated young people may be able to find employment here in West Central Pennsylvania and put their talents and knowledge to work for the benefit of the local region. Christie Seibert joins us now live with more.

1:05 - Package

:18 - Live

Mark Thompson – UPJ Senior Matt Bacco – UPJ Senior

Bill Cominsky - UPJ Senior

3/29/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Carmen Grant

ALTOONA CONVENTION CENTER

The Blair County Convention Center in Altoona is set to open its doors. NewsCenter 6's Carmen Grant has the story on the economic impact the center will bring to our region.

1:30 - Package

Doug Garland - Manager

Jeff Cipriani – Hampton Inn

3/30/01, 5:00 / 5:30 / 6:00 / 11:00 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

C-COR CLOSING IMPACT

The closing of C-Cor in Tipton is just the latest blow to the Blair County economy. It's the fourth major company to announce layoffs in three months. Millions of dollars in wages will be gone and the impact on the county huge.

1:03 - Package

Bob Keagy - Blair County resident

Bill Soyke - Blair County resident

Ralph Oliva – PSU Smeal Business College

Robert Jubelier - Senator

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: RACIAL / ETNIC ISSUES JANUARY

1/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

NAACP / CRIME

The NAACP is speaking out against the recent rash of violent crime in the city of Johnstown and neighboring communities. Lisa Stofko is following that story and joins us live with more.

:57 - Package

:35 - Live

Jeffrey Wilson - Political Action Committee

1/15/01, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

KING DAY OF SERVICE

Across the country today people observed Martin Luther King Junior National Holiday, celebrating the civil rights leader's life. How best to mark the day is an on-going debate. Do you take the day off, or not? For students, some have classes, some don't. But at Penn State, a different approach draws a record turnout. Gary Sinderson has more. 1:10 – Package

1/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

MARTIN LUTHER KING MARCH

At Penn State, campus and community members make a statement for unity and understanding. Martin Luther King activities this week are drawing record numbers. :49 – SOT/VO

Tony Houng - Student organizer

1/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

DIVERSITY

Racial issues on campus continue to be a point of debate at Penn State. Last month, a group of black students staged a sit-in in the university president's office. They called for more programs aimed at diversity issues. Today, Penn State's board of trustees heard an update on what's been done thoughout the entire Penn State system. Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College with more.

1:02 - Package

:15 - Live

1/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

HATE CRIME

Spraypainted Swasticas, racial slurs, and the letters K-K-K show up in over a dozen Indiana County locations. Tonight police are following a few leads, looking for those responsible. Jon Meyer is just back from Indiana, where residents are nervous about the situation. He's live now with details.

1:00 - Package

:29 - Live

Sgt. Bernard Petrowsky - PA State Police

Joe Krahe – Hardware Store Owner

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: RACIAL / ETNIC ISSUES JANUARY

1/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

KKK LEAFLETS

Neighbors in one suburban section of Johnstown aren't laughing today, after waking up to pamphlets from the Ku Klux Klan. What sparked the incident? Julie Sidoni is following this story and she joins us live now with more.

:42 - Package

:28 - Live

1/30/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

HATE CRIMES

Tonight at Penn State, students listen as a film maker talks about hate crimes and their impact on society. Brent Scarpo to students how we need to address this issue as a society. It's an important topic for these students on a campus where hate crimes have been on the rise.

1:07 - SOT/VO

Brent Scarpo - Producer "Fulfill My Promise"

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: RACIAL / ETHNIC ISSUES . . . FEBRUARY

2/01/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Christie Seibert

UNITY RALLY

Residents in one Cambria County neighborhood are returning love for hate. That's the message in Johnstown's Moxham section where residents woke up last week to find leaflets from the Ku Klux Klan. Christie Seibert joins us live with details on how the people in Moxham are uniting against racial hate.

1:24 - Package

::35 - Live

Lisa Rountree - Unity Coalition

Pastor Bill Lavelle - Grove Ave. United Methodist Church

2/03/01, 6 / 11 PM, Saturday Miranda Gresko

UNITY RALLY

One Cambria County neighborhood says no more hate and violence. Now it's time to reclaim the streets and take an active stance. Miranda Gresko has been following the story and she joins us live with more.

1:13 - Package

Sarah Factor – UPJ Unity President

Lisa Roundtree - Unity Coalition

2/05/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

RAILROAD BLACK HISTORY

The contribution of blacks is often overlooked in society and the history books. However, blacks were instrumental in the construction of the Allegheny Portage Railroad. Today, that was the site of a unique musical program in honor of Black History Month. :48 – SOT/VO

Funteller Jackson - Teacher of Black History

2/06/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

DIVERSITY HIGH

The recent rash of hate crimes around the region have left many feeling frustrated. But one school district in the region is trying to teach a message of diversity and harmony at an early age. They hope to help students understand their differences and stop racist behavior. Christie Seibert Joins us now live with the details.

1:24 - Package

:31 - Live

Dr. Gerry Zahorchak – Johnstown School District

Barbara Parkins – Westside Elementary

Reggie Floyd – Johnstown School District

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: RACIAL / ETHNIC ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/14/01, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Julie Sidoni

RACIAL PROFILING

Johnstown City Council says if it comes down to it, they'll investigate whether or not the claims are true. Tonight, there are new allegations of racial profiling surrounding officers from the Johnstown Police force. An practice that was supposed to have been addressed and resolved months ago is back to plague the force again. Julie Sidoni is following the story and joins us now live.

1:12 - Package

:31 - Live

Dr. Don Zucco - Johnstown Mayor

Dr. Clea Hollis - NAACP President

2/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

DWB POLICE RECORDS

The city of Johnstown looks into claims of racial profiling done by some of its police officers. At the same time, police department officials work on ways to prevent a profiling problem. Johnstown with details. 1:10 – Package

:25 - Live

Allen Andrews - NAACP Leader

Karl Kilduff - City Manager

Capt. Craig Faust - Johnstown Police Dept.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: RACIAL / ETHNIC ISSUES MARCH

3/02/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Alison Burns

RACIAL PROFILING

Racial profiling, a controversial police practice has come under fire, especially in our region where two incidents have been reported. It's become such a problem that Attorney General John Ashcroft has vowed to put an end to the practice. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is standing by live with the latest on today's announcement.

2:00 - Package

:22 - Live

Rachel King - ACLU attorney

John Ashcroft - Attorney General

3/07/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

POLICE FEARS

All the recent focus on racial profiling may be making police officers afraid that legitimate stops could become profiling cases. Will the concerns about racial profiling interfere with the police being able to do their jobs? Jon Meyer joins us live with more. :54 – Package

:21 - Live

Paul McCauley - Criminology Professor IUP

3/28/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Even though our country is described as a melting pot, we sometimes all need a fresh perspective on our differences. The Johnstown Police Force has gotten heat for alleged racial profiling. Today's seminar embracing a diverse culture was welcomed as helpful training in addressing the department's problem. Christie Seibert is live now with more.

1:17 - Package

:24 - Live

Comander Rashall Brackney - Pittsburgh Police

Capt. Craig Foust – Johnstown Police

3/28/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

A court ruling in Michigan could have a major impact on affirmative action nationwide. A Federal judge there says considering race when deciding who to admit to the University of Michigan Law School is unconstitutional.

:39 - SOT/VO

Evan Lipp - Dean for Enrollment Management

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3/28/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

AMISH TICKETS

The Amish of Cambria County are standing up for their rights. The State says they must place orange reflective triangles on their buggies or face fines. The Amish are saying no to the reflectors and no to paying the fines. Jon Meyer joins us live with more on this story.

:39 - Package

:29 - Live

David Tulowitzki – Cambria County District Attorney

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THE HERITAGE DISCOVERY CENTER SPECIAL

3/23/01

Hosts: Marty Radovanic & Jenn Kallin

The shows features exhibits at the newly opened Heritage Discovery Center in Johnstown. The displays depict the situations that new immigrants faced as they migrated from European homelands in search of a better life. Often those situations included ethnic discrimination, limiting the job and housing opportunities available to the immigrants. Consequently, the newcomers established neighborhoods based on their ethnic heritage.